

**Decision Notice For Proposed  
Dearborn Fishing Access Site Improvements  
Region Four  
4600 Giant Springs Road  
Great Falls, MT 59405**

**May 8, 2003**

**Description of Proposed Action:**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks proposes to make improvements to the Dearborn Fishing Access Site, Lewis and Clark County, Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 2 West; 14 miles south of Cascade on I-15 at Canyon Exit 244, then 6 miles south on Recreation Road.

This proposal includes replacing the existing latrine with a sealed concrete vault and relocating it slightly, constructing a carry-in boat access, fencing vegetated areas to limit access at the top of the cut bank, and reclaim the parking area (total of .25 acres, existing road at the east side of the site, and placing gravel on the parking area.) The proposal also includes installing new signs to direct foot traffic to a stairway, and using millings on the road leading to the Fishing Access Site (FAS) to control dust in the nearby residential area.

**Finding of No Significant Impact:**

I have reviewed the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

Based on the analysis in the EA this alternative will enhance the Dearborn Fishing Access Site by improving public access opportunities in a more sensitive manner. As of the public comment deadline Friday, May 2, 2003 there was only one public comment requesting space for Lewis & Clark interpretive signing. The EA will be accepted as the final EA.

This action is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director in writing, and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how appellant has previously commented to the Department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP might address the concerns in the appeal.

The Environmental Assessment may be viewed, or obtained from The Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks, Region 4, Great Falls, MT. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, or the final EA please direct requests and questions to: Mike Aderhold, 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 454-5840.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Aderhold - Region Four Supervisor

Date \_\_\_\_\_